

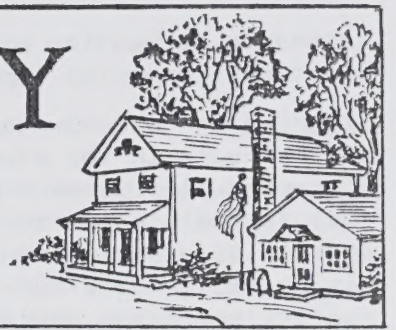
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MONTEREY NEWS



December, 1976

OUR TOWN

WATER

"And an ingenious Spaniard says, that rivers and the inhabitants of the watery element were made for wise men to contemplate, and fools to pass by without consideration."

Izaak Walton in The Compleat Angler



The Upper Housatonic "208" Water Quality Management Plan

For the last year and a half a study has been carried out on the Upper Housatonic watershed, an area which extends from Lanesboro and Dalton in the north to Monterey and Great Barrington in the south. Preliminary findings (called "Phase I") coming out of this study were aired recently in various of the towns involved. Phase II of the study will evaluate all collected data, in combination with feedback from the local population, and will present recommendations and a final plan for water quality management sometime in 1977. The chief consulting firm making the study is The Center for the Environment and Man, Inc., under the auspices of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission. The total funding, in the amount of \$374,000, comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. An advisory committee composed of local people from the study area is working with these agencies.

The impetus for this very considerable effort came out of the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments which require that, among other things, we have by 1983, wherever attainable, a water quality which is safe for swimming and will protect fish and wildlife.

At two public presentations in Monterey during November of this year, the Center for the Environment and Man and Carr Research Laboratory reported the following:

Growth In the next 25 years the population of the study area is expected to grow very slowly, but within the area people are likely to migrate from Pittsfield to surrounding communities, causing some growth problems in rural regions and threatening environmentally sensitive areas such as lake shores. Monterey is projected to have a 46.3% increase in population by the year 2000. Probable impacts of this migration will be faster eutrophication of lakes, increased use of groundwater and inadequacy of soils to accommodate new septic systems.

Lake Eutrophication If current trends continue, in 25 years all lakes in the study area (including Lakes Garfield and Buel) will become increasingly eutrophic (rich in nutrients, poor in water clarity, beset by algal blooms and pond weeds.) Phosphorus and nitrogen are critical nutrients for aquatic flora and fauna. It is easier to control the supply of phosphorus to a lake than it is to control the supply of nitrogen. The suggested strategy, therefore, is to limit the phosphorus supply to lakes and to apply in-lake measures to supplement these procedures.

Research has established that erosion, even more than septic systems, contributes to eutrophication of lakes, and that the development of lakeshores is the principal source of erosion. (An untouched forest with good groundcover is better at holding nutrient-rich particles of earth than is a freshly bulldozed lot or an incomplete roadbed.) Suggested measures for controlling phosphorus in Lakes Garfield and Buel for the least money are: use of non-phosphorus detergents by those living within 300 feet of the lakes, managing septic systems so that they remain effective, and regulation of new construction and development.

Supplementary in-lake solutions could include: harvesting of weeds, leaf control, biological substitution, suppression of blue-green algal blooms, chemical inactivation of nutrients, dredging and outlet modification and detention ponds. Lake Garfield is this year experimenting with a process called "winter draw-down" which, while it discourages many lake weeds, unfortunately encourages others. To institute a similar practice in Lake Buel would require that a dam be built and that approximately two miles of the Konkapot be channeled out so as to create a differential between the level of the lake and the level of the river. So far, an

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intensive harvesting program seems to be for both lakes the management approach of least environmental impact and greatest cost effectiveness.

Groundwater Groundwater is the projected source of additional drinking water for most of the towns in the study area, including Monterey. Aquifers (areas where the quantity of groundwater is much greater than normal) and recharge areas (areas of ground surface that transmit water to the aquifer at greater than normal rates) are threatened by aspects of urbanization such as landfills, highway contamination, sand and gravel mining and general run-off. It is advised that, in order to maintain groundwater quality standards, Monterey's recharge areas be delineated, and that within the delineated areas water softeners be prohibited, zoning by-laws be revised to limit heavy densities in housing, road salting and drainage be controlled and improved, respectively, and landfills be judiciously located.

Water-Related Workshops and Meetings

Boat Ramp on Garfield On October 13 members of the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen met with the Commissioner of the State Public Access Board and urged the state to submit a plan for a boat ramp which will be in keeping with the town's requirements, chief among these being minimal access and compatibility with the environment. Lake Garfield, being classified as a Great Pond, and having a dam which is 75% funded by federal and state agencies, must therefore have public access. The Selectmen are awaiting a reply from the state on the matter.

Lake Management Workshop Kay Mielke, representing the Conservation Commission, and Fran Amidon, representing the Lake Garfield Association, attended a Lake Management Workshop at Berkshire Community College in September, during which the considerations of the 208 Study, as well as problems of access and water safety were discussed by public officials, 208 officials and interested parties.

Breakfast at Mrs. Flood's Jed Lipsky and Kay Mielke were present at a breakfast meeting at the home of a woman aptly named Joan Flood, at which people involved in the 208 Study could speak with David Standley, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering for Massachusetts. Present federal and state cost-sharing programs don't match with probable priorities to be selected by the study area. However, it was divulged that there is hope for funding of water management projects when towns have formulated specific requests. The expectation by Commissioner Standley is for new and innovative approaches to lake management.

Conclusions

Solutions to problems of contamination and eutrophication are not simple. Monterey was described by one of the consultants making the 208 presentation as "the smallest but the most active town in the study area." Town officials, as well as the town's two vigorous lake associations, are already involved in the issue of water quality. Monterey's Natural Resource Inventory and Land Use Plan states in its chapter on Land Use Planning Principles that "the hydrologic system should be used as the primary basis for protecting the natural resources. This system forms an intricate network that links all features of the natural environment, as well as linking the human population to the environment. The time for Monterey to begin making plans and establishing priorities for water management is now.

Townpeople interested in obtaining copies of the 208 Phase I Report should contact Karl Hekler, Director of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, or Jed Lipsky, member of the Monterey Planning Board.

To belong to the Lake Garfield Association (numbering 44 families in September) mail \$5.00 to Peter Vallianos, Monterey. Make checks payable to Lake Garfield Association.

NEWS IN BRIEF: Policeman Resigns LeRoy Thorpe resigned from the Monterey Police Department, effective November 20, 1976. New Dog Warden Berter Moro has been appointed by the Selectmen to the office of Dog Warden in Monterey. Townpeople are reminded that there is a Tying Restraint Ordinance in Monterey and that all dogs are required to be licensed by April 1 of each year. Insurance The Selectmen have purchased a "multi-peril" insurance policy from Brooks Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,756.00, which gives a million dollar coverage to Town officials being sued after having made a decision in the interest of the Town. Recycling Citizens are requested to put glass items in front of the collecting barrels near the shed. Metal goes to the left of the barrels and newspaper inside the shed. Hydroplanes on Lake Garfield One such plane landed on the lake last summer. A prospective landowner has informed the Selectmen that his decision to buy lakefront property depended on his being able to occasionally land his plane on the lake. No legal action is possible, but the Selectmen discourage such use of the lake, which is primarily for recreational purposes. Crossing the Bar Stefan Grotz passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam in July of this year. Notification came in November. Grotz has no definite plans as yet and will continue to work as Director of the Cooperative Extension Service in Pittsfield for the time being.

THE EXTRAORDINARY AND THE ORDINARY

We are in the season of the extraordinary. No matter what our background or tradition, practically to a person this is a season in which we somehow find ourselves involved in a celebration of the extraordinary. Christians, of course, see the routine of their days being changed by Christmas. The Jews are moved out of the ordinary by the feast of Hanukkah. And perhaps a streak of the pagan and primitive in all of us is caught up in the fact that the winter solstice comes during this season, recognizing the yearly battle between darkness and light and celebrating the tiny edge of victory that the light begins to win over darkness.

It occurs to me that we should all gladly and freely rejoice in the extraordinary that comes breaking through our ordinary days. Life is mostly composed of the ordinary and I accept it as right that it should be so. But thank God for the epiphanies of life! It is these out of the ordinary events that color all our days. We do not need, indeed we could not bear it, for the extraordinary to be knocking on our doors every day. Nevertheless, the days and events that come to us as special have a way of transforming the whole of our lives.

Let us take Christmas as a case in point. We do not honor Jesus of Nazareth because there was an extraordinary birth event. Rather, Christmas eventually came to be celebrated because of the extraordinary person who grew up in a humble home in Nazareth. I, personally, am glad that it lies quite beyond my powers to explain the seeming paradox that God came especially to be revealed to humanity by a person who was truly and genuinely human. This extraordinary person, simply by becoming a part of humanity's history, has forever shifted the world's consciousness concerning God. His birth, life and the manner of his death have by some degree shifted the way God is viewed throughout the earth. It is not an event that has affected only his conscious followers, called Christians. Literally, the experience of what it is to be human, regardless of religious persuasion, has occurred because he entered the ongoing stream of humanity. It goes without saying that those who consciously seek to incorporate him into their lives are likely to be more influenced by him than those who do not.

It is true also that all humanity has "moved" because of Moses. All humanity has "moved" because Gautama Buddha was. Those who become conscious followers of any such personages are most likely to "move" more than others.

This is not intended as a lesson in comparative religions. It is, however, an effort to help us all see how deeply the extraordinary enters into the ordinary in life and how it begins to change the complexion of our days.

The ordinary can never be quite the same once I have truly recognized the extraordinary. Knowing that the person of Jesus of Nazareth has forever dramatized the intersection between God and humanity, I cannot ignore that, however ordinary my life, there are dealings with God in my being that have resonances, faint though they may be, to that extraordinary person I have come to call Christ. Because of his extraordinary impact on life, I know that through all my ordinary days I have a responsibility for truth, love, healing and reconciliation that I otherwise might never have known.

What an extraordinary event when Moses saw the burning bush! But was that an event which touched Moses alone? Never! This signified the call of Moses to a task which was to engage him to the end of his energy, imagination and days. Is there a single person, at least in the West, whose ordinary life has not been influenced by conceptions of order and justice flowing directly from that man who saw and responded to the burning bush? One of our poets has recognized that beyond the direct influence of the burning bush on Moses, we, too, are now responsible for seeing and responding to bushes that burn.

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God:
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes.

Truly, in this season of the extraordinary let us take it as a time to rejoice. As the extraordinary suffuses the everyday we learn that nothing is truly common. Every baby born brings with it a message from the Eternal. The common bushes that we encounter in our everyday lives are afire with God. Let us have the good sense to learn the grace of "taking off our shoes." We are slowly learning that all common things and days are speaking to us of the holy.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



For over a year, Marie Gaumont, who died November 23, had been a patient at the Berkshire Hills Nursing Home, formerly in Monterey. In 1937 she had met Mrs. Gould in Stockbridge and had been induced by her to come and make her home at the Farm, as nurse. She had spent her early life in a small Canadian town and had then moved to Morristown, New Jersey, where she became an American citizen and trained as a nurse. She entered wholeheartedly into the life at the Farm and answered there to the name of "Nursie." At the nursing home she was warmly admired for her courage and good spirits in the face of difficult illness. Those who knew her best will miss their visits with her and will always remember her with deep affection.

On Thanksgiving Day about a hundred people sat down together for the traditional mid-day meal. The dining-room was even more than usually festive. At this season the Farm family likes to hear reports of the harvest and of other practical accomplishments of the year. They remind themselves of the brave pilgrimage of William and Agnes Gould from Winsted, Connecticut, to the old abandoned farm, whose buildings were badly run down and neglected, a few days before Thanksgiving, in 1913. Before he died in 1925, Will Gould had changed all that, largely with the work of his own hands and such help as he could afford to hire on a very modest budget. His dream of reaching out to anyone, anywhere, who needed the kind of renewal of body, mind and spirit that he could offer, had long since been realized. Thirty-three years later, shortly before her death, Mrs. Gould was able to plan the building of East House and to speak at its dedication. This was the second building to provide guest living accommodations. The third such unit is now almost completed and will be ready for occupancy early in the new year. This will not add to the total of guest rooms but will replace the bedrooms on the third floor of the main building.

Rose McKee



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Notes Church School, grades 4-6, Sunday, 9:15 a.m.; kindergarten, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; grades 1-3, Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Sunday Worship

On Sunday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m. the worship celebrates God's presence in all

parts of the human scene and story. The sermon is entitled "The Presence with Us."

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

The candlelight service that celebrates the Christmas message in Bible readings and carols will be on Sunday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. All in the community are invited to share in this drama that moves from the Old Testament prophecies to their fulfillment in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

Christmas Caroling

The caroling will be on Tuesday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m. Those who would carry the message of Christmas to shut-in persons will meet at the church and will go through the community singing for joy. The young in heart of all ages are invited to join in this festive custom. Coffee and cocoa at the end.

Children's Christmas Party

This time especially belongs to the children of Monterey. Children up through the second grade may hope to meet Santa Claus. The program will be furnished by children in the various youth organizations of the community. Santa has always needed helpers to prepare for this evening. Note the coupon at the bottom of this page. Your help in purchasing the gifts for Santa to give will be appreciated. Also, if you know any new families with children through the second grade, invite them to the party -- and give information regarding the children.

Mrs. Robert Gauthier
Main Road, Monterey
Dear Barbara,

Count me in to help Santa in the Monterey Christmas Party. Enclosed find \$_____.

Names of new children in Monterey

Name _____

Address _____

GIRL SCOUTS



Brownies

With the intention of honoring a Monterey woman who has achieved fame, the Brownies invited Margery Mansfield Janes to hear poetry they had written and to read some of her own. It was a pleasant exchange. Secondly, the girls visited the Historical Room of the Monterey Library for a tour of the premises led by Gertrude Gould, and a viewing of the movie of the Knox Trail Re-enactment in Monterey. By these activities the Brownies completed their work toward the Bicentennial Badge. They will be working on a pageant for the Christmas Party, December 22.

Cadettes

The Cadettes have found a leader. Jane Thorn is now working with the troop. The Cadettes provided babysitting for the December 8 Community Dinner.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts

Bobcats initiated into Pack 51 on December 10 were: Mark Candee, Sean Smith, Jason Weber, Ben Reuter, Jeff Gauthier, Kirven Blount, Malcolm Braverman, Cianni Chighine, Patrick Eline, Robert Johnston and Richard White. Helping Cynthia Weber with the Monterey branch of the Cubs are Nancy Smith and Sue Reuter. The Cubs participated in the Crafts Workshop December 3 in the church social room.

Webelos

Webelos receiving Aquanaut Badges on December 10 were Kurt Callahan, David Gauthier and Dennis O'Connor. Robert Gauthier, Cubmaster, presented the awards.

4-H NEWS

Monterey Roadrunners

Election of officers was held at the November meeting. They are: President - Kristine Heath; Vice President - James Gauthier; Secretary - Christine Papp; Treasurer - Kenneth Heath. Teen leaders are Kristine Heath and Warren Thomson, and Junior Leaders are Karen Gillis and Kenneth Heath.

A sleigh ride was discussed and Mr. Heath will look into this. It will take place after the holidays. The next meeting will be on January 11, 1977.

Achievement Night

The 4-H Achievement Night was held on December 4 in Monterey at the church social room. Blandford and Otis 4-H'ers attended and put on a skit about horses, and also had an exhibit. Monterey had an exhibit on different projects. Mark Makuc, Kevin Bradley and Steve Brown gave a talk on "The Care of Bushes and Shrubs." Shawn Ryder gave a demonstration on "How to Develop Black and White Film." Approximately sixty people attended.

Cathy Schwab, 4-H agent from Pittsfield, presented the awards to the following leaders and members:

Leaders

Julia Michalyan	Certificate, Seal and Bronze Pin
Walter Parks	Certificate, Seal and Bronze Pin
Douglas Lyman	Certificate, Seal and Bronze Pin
John Nichols	Certificate, Seal and Bronze Pin
John Ryder	Certificate, Seal and Bronze Pin
Kenneth Heath	6th year Seal
Gail Heath	6th year Seal
Marion Thomson	10th year Pin
Lois Ryder	12th year Seal
Mary Heath	3rd year Seal

Junior Leaders

Shawn Ryder	Junior Leader Certificate and Seal, Gold Pin and Seal
Warren Thomson	6th year Seal
Douglas MacKenzie	4th year Seal
Stephen Phillips	Cloverbud, Pin and Seal
Nancy Bynack	4-H Calendar

The next 4-H meeting for the Monterey Community Club and the Greenthumbs will be on Friday, January 7, at 7 o'clock in the church social room. Cathy Schwab, 4-H agent, will present slides on various 4-H programs.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Community Christmas Bazaar was held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. \$31.23 in commissions went to the Congregational Church, collected from the ten various organizations participating in the sale. Both the sellers and buyers seemed pleased, and we hope to have a bigger and better sale in 1977.

Pat Andrus

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Once again we send our warm thanks to a large number of our readers. Christmas Greetings as well! This month we have received contributions from the following: Dr. & Mrs. James Adams, Peter Amidon, Jean Wilson Armstrong, Herbert Bernstein, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bradley, Stanley Brallier, William Brockman & John Jefferson, Mrs. Brian Callahan, Paul Carnese, Dr. & Mrs. James Cattell, Leona Chamberlin, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chromow, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Cohen, Drs. Hugh & Alice DeMartino, The Dodyk Family, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dolby, Mrs. Richard Dyer-Bennet, Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Erda, Mrs. Sheldon Fenn, Dora Fisher, Rev. Leon Flanders, The Freundlich Family, Marjorie Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardiner, Mrs. Thomas Garrett, Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Germain, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gildesgame, Mr. & Mrs. William Ginsburg, Mort Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Gottlieb, Edward Green, Jack Hargis & David Brush, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Heath, Stewart Hegleman, George B. Helmrch, Mr. & Mrs. John Higgins, Rev. William & Mrs. Hydon, Patricia Jayson, The Jutt Family, Kenneth Kahn, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kalodner, Mrs. Irene Kenny & Mrs. Helen Hanley, Hans Kessler, Dr. & Mrs. Morris Kirschner, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kleban, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Koivisto, Melvin Kraft, Nancy Ann Maglione, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Materas, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Messenger, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Mollé, Archdeacon Arthur Monk, Countess Wilhelm von Moy, Randy Neel, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Niedzienski, Mrs. Gordon Nightingale, Mr. & Mrs. Merton O'Prey, Our Lady of the Valley Church, Daniel Parker, Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Pearl, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Potter, Mrs. Lillian Preiss, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Race, Debby Rankin & Larny Heald, Rev. & Mrs. George Razee, Alan Roland, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Rosebrock, Morris Roseman, Dr. & Mrs. Howard Rosen, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Rosenstein, Mr. & Mrs. Joel Schick, Dr. & Mrs. Howard Schomer, Paul Schweid, Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Silberner, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Silk, Mrs. Ann White Slaughter, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Smith, Annette Swanson & Louise Buonaguro, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Thober, Mr. & Mrs. Folger Thomas, Miss Nina Tryon, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tryon, Wallace Tryon, Peter Vallianos, Mrs. Eleanor Varney, Mrs. Fred White, Charles Wilkinson, Mrs. Lawrence Wilkinson, Mary Wocel, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wondrasch.

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